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On the Road to Success: Incorporating Many Voices through Innovative Partnerships *Plenary and Concurrent Session Abstract Form*

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The People Network: Bridging the Environment-Health Gap

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Forming Alliances to Improve Environmental Public Health

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Three Thousand Local Health Agencies Are Here To Help

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Partnership Development in the City of Houston: Successes and Challenges

Session Abstract:

The establishment and implementation of the National Environmental Public Health Tracking (EPHT) Program is the result of input from a wide variety of partners with different backgrounds but a similar need. Collaborative efforts that focus on engaging individuals and organizations that hold different viewpoints on the potential uses and benefits of EPHT will lead to the development of a network and program that address the gaps identified by the Pew Commission as well as the Institute of Medicine's report on The Future of the Public's Health in the 21st Century. Presentations will include: information on why collaborative efforts are important to EPHT as well as the future of environmental public health as a whole; examples of how state public health and environmental agencies have collaborated previously and what efforts are in place today to continue these valuable interactions; the potential impact of EPHT on health and environmental agencies at the local level and the importance of including locals in the development of EPHT; and an example of how the voice of community members is being included in the development of EPHT.

Learning Objectives:

After attending this session, the participant will be able to:

1. Articulate clearly the importance of collaboration for the future of environmental public health and EPHT
2. Discuss some of the current collaborative efforts that are taking place to strengthen EPHT
3. Assist in the development of innovative collaborative efforts that will help attendees in preparing for or enhancing EPHT in their state or locality
4. Assist in the creation of innovative collaborative efforts that will assist in strengthening environmental public health in the 21st century.